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This week, Tenet Healthcare Corporation announced a major restructuring of its operations and has stated that they will seek buyers for 27 hospitals across the country, including 19 in California. Of the 14 that are located in Los Angeles County, five are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. These hospitals – Centinela Hospital Medical Center, Brotman Medical Center, Daniel Freeman Marina, Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital, and Midway Hospital Medical Center – together have 1539 inpatient beds that serve the community. The effect on the community that would result if these hospitals were closed is extremely troubling.

The potential impact of Tenet's restructuring a proposed sale of these hospitals on the County is significant. Not only do these hospitals provide necessary medical care to a part of the County that has fewer resources than other areas, but they also provide jobs to thousands of residents in the community.

Tenet's recent purchase of several of these hospitals has resulted in agreements with the State Attorney General's office to ensure continued services at the facilities. I

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think these agreements, and Tenet's responsibilities under them, need to be examined to ensure that access to care is not negatively impacted.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT** the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Health Services' Emergency Medical Services Agency to evaluate the impact of Tenet's proposal on access to hospital services in the County. Specifically address the Emergency Room closure restrictions in the Tenet purchase agreements.

**I, FURTHER, MOVE THAT** the Board of Supervisors instruct the Director of Health Services and County Counsel to consult with the State Attorney General to review the agreements associated with Tenet's purchase of Centinela, Daniel Freeman Memorial and Daniel Freeman Marina Hospitals, and other affected hospitals, and evaluate the terms of these agreements and the potential impact of Tenet's move to sell these facilities and report back in two weeks. Also address the subsequent court ruling regarding Daniel Freeman Marina Hospital.

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